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WSP Pursues Aggressive Motorist Involved in Several Collisions on I-5

At approximately 3:24p.m., WSP Communications received a report of an erratically driven white 1997 Dodge van, driven by Karl Wallace, a 72 year old resident of Ogden, Utah, northbound I-5 in the area of Main Street (Milepost 3). A second call to 911 reported Wallace struck several vehicles before being observed by Trooper Stan Batt northbound I-5 near Clark County Fairgrounds (NE 179th Street). Trooper Batt observed Wallace strike another vehicle in the area of NE 199th Street (Milepost 10). Trooper Batt activated his emergency equipment in an attempt to stop Wallace. Wallace failed to yield making no attempt to stop using all three lanes and the shoulders to get through traffic.

Trooper Candy Warren set up stop sticks northbound I-5 north of Kalama River Rd (milepost 33). Wallace struck the rear end of a black 2005 Dodge Neon before driving over the stop sticks. Wallace and the Neon drove over the stop sticks flattening the tires on both vehicles. The Dodge Neon became disabled and pulled to the inside shoulder and stopped. Wallace continued driving with flattened rear tires. Wallace attempted to pass two log trucks at milepost 34 using the right shoulder. The log trucks moved to the right in an attempt to box in Wallace. Wallace struck the trailer of the log truck, lost control striking the guard rail, coming to a stop wedged between the guard rail and log truck.

Wallace was taken into custody and transported to St. John's Medical Center in Longview for evaluation.

WSP detectives are conducting an ongoing criminal investigation. Detectives believe there may be witnesses and/or victims, who have not been identified. Any witnesses or victims who have information or were involved in a collision with the Dodge van are encouraged to contact Sgt. O'Shannon at (360) 449-7941.

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